

**MINUTES OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON  
TAX POLICY**

**Wednesday, August 8, 2007**

**10:30 A.M.**

**Room 519 House Office Building**

**Chairman Bieda** called the meeting to order.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Reps. Bieda, Farrah, Condino, Robert Jones, Mayes, Melton, Sheltroun, Warren, Young, Meltzer, Sheen, Steil, Pastor, Palmer, Wenke, Calley. (16/17)

**MEMBERS ABSENT/EXCUSED:** Rep. Meisner. (1/17)

**Representative Robert Jones** moved to adopt the minutes from the July 25, 2007 meeting. There being no objection, the minutes were approved.

**Representative Robert Jones** moved to excuse absent members. There being no objection, absent members were excused.

**Dan Smith** and **Greg Nowak**, representing the Detroit Regional Chamber of Commerce, testified before the committee on Federal Accounting Standards Board Statement 109 (FAS 109).

**Tricia Kinley**, representing the Michigan Chamber of Commerce, testified before the committee on Federal Accounting Standards Board Statement 109 (FAS 109).

**Ann Marston**, representing the Michigan League for Human Services, testified before the committee on Federal Accounting Standards Board Statement 109 (FAS 109)

**Clif Morehead** and **Lynn Gandhi**, representing the General Electric Company, testified before the committee on Federal Accounting Standards Board Statement 109 (FAS 109)

**Scott Schrager**, representing the Michigan Department of Treasury, testified before the committee on Federal Accounting Standards Board Statement 109 (FAS 109)

The following people turned in testimony cards in support of a legislative fix to the FAS 109 issue but did not wish to speak.

**Ron Orlando**, representing Comcast.

**Bob Chaprnka**, representing the Michigan Railroads Association.

**Winston Feehelay**, representing DTE

**Dave Vehslage**, representing the Verizon Corporations.

**Chairman Bieda** laid **HB SB 53** before the committee.

**SB 53**      Whitmer              Income tax; city; contributions to a city for specified purposes;  
provide for check-off option.

**Representative Joan Bauer** testified before the committee in support of **SB 53**.

**Andy Schor**, representing the Michigan Municipal League, turned in a testimony card in support of **SB 53** but did not wish to speak.

**Larry Steckelberg**, representing the Michigan Department of Treasury, turned in a testimony card in support of **SB 53** but did not wish to speak.

**Representative Condino** moved to adopt the **(H-1) substitute** to **SB 53**.

**FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:**

**YEAS:** Reps. Bieda, Condino, Robert Jones, Mayes, Melton, Sheltroun, Warren, Meltzer, Sheen, Pastor, Palmer, Wenke, Calley. (13/17)

**NAYS:** None. (0/17)

**PASS:** None. (0/17)

A sufficient number of members voting in the affirmative, the motion prevailed.

**Representative Meltzer** moved to report **SB 53** as an **(H-1) substitute** with recommendation.

**FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:**

**YEAS:** Reps. Bieda, Condino, Robert Jones, Mayes, Melton, Sheltroun, Warren, Young, Meltzer, Sheen, Pastor, Palmer, Wenke, Calley. (14/17)

**NAYS:** None. (0/17)

**PASS:** None. (0/17)

A sufficient number of members voting in the affirmative, the motion prevailed.

There being no further business before the committee, **Chairman Bieda** declared the meeting adjourned, the time being 11:30 a.m.

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Representative Steve Bieda, Chair

Eric Esch, Committee Clerk    (517) 373-0070